The Faculty of Science is pleased to announce that a limited number of Merit places will be available for semester 1, 2007, for students commencing their first postgraduate coursework (Masters) degree within the Faculty of Science.

Applications close on 23rd February 2007 and will be assessed the following week.

Applicants must have already applied for, and been accepted into, a postgraduate course in one of the degrees listed below. Please read the important information below before completing the application form.

Merit Places are based on academic merit. Recipients of the Merit places must satisfy the following conditions:
  - Accept the Merit place in the semester of offer: no deferral will be permitted.
  - Satisfy the progression rules each semester for the degree in which they have been offered a place

The Merit places will be available to students commencing in semester 1, 2007 in the following degrees:

- Master of Applied Science (Environmental Science)
- Master of Applied Science (Wildlife Health & Population Management)
- Master of Applied Science (Microscopy & Microanalysis)
- Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Recipients must be eligible for a Commonwealth Supported place** i.e. be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

**Students who hold a Commonwealth Supported Merit place** are not required to pay full fees for their course. Instead, these students will be charged a Student contribution amount, and, if eligible for HECS-HELP assistance, will be able to pay "up front" with a discount, or to defer payment to the tax system - until taxable income reaches the HECS repayment income threshold ($38,149 in 2006-2007). The level of contribution will depend on the discipline group of units of study: if you undertake units of study from more than one discipline group your Student contribution amount will be adjusted accordingly.

More information is available in the Information for Commonwealth supported students 2007 booklet or online at:

PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS AND COMMONWEALTH SUPPORT

New Zealand citizens and some people who are in Australia on permanent resident visas must pay their Student contribution amount up-front each semester/session. They are not eligible for the discount and cannot defer their Student contribution amount. More information is available in the Information for Commonwealth supported students 2007 booklet or online at:


Continuation of the Merit Place will be dependent on an annual review of progress.

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COMMONWEALTH SUPPORT AND HECS-HELP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT OPTIONS

All Commonwealth supported students must fill in a Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP form. This form must be lodged as soon as practicable and before the Census Date – 31st March, 2007. No student can be enrolled as a Commonwealth supported student unless s/he lodges a valid Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP form. If eligible, a Commonwealth supported student can choose from the following payment options:

(1) Up-front with the discount option

If you are eligible for HECS-HELP assistance, you may choose to pay your Student contribution amount upfront with a discount that will be applied to your Student contribution amount.

(2) Deferring option

Eligible Commonwealth supported students may defer their Student contribution amount and pay it through the tax system when their income reaches the minimum level. Please see the Information for Commonwealth supported students 2007 booklet or the website below for details. No discount is given where the Student contribution amount is deferred.